(b) if so, whether this has become necessary because of the decreasing revenue per line;

(c) if so, the details of overall revenue per line per month upto January 31;

(d) whether there has been no increase in the tariffs since May, 1993; and

(e) if so, the time by when final decision for revising tariffs policy is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

P & T Housing Welfare Society

3728. DR. BALI RAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forestry department under his Ministry has not planted grass and trees in the parks near type I, II and III houses of the P & T Housing Welfare Society, Kalibari Marg, New Delhi;

(b) If so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Grass planting at Quarters type I, II and III has been done, process of planting of trees is in progress.

[English]

Merger of E.A.S. with Janmabhoomi in Andhra Pradesh

3729. SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has merged the Employment Assurance Scheme with Janmabhoomi Programme;

(b) the percentage of contributions made by the State Government as its share to the schemes like JRY, IAY, DWCRA during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) whether the Union Government are also aware that the selection of beneficiaries is done for the IAY, JRY, DWCRA on political considerations violating the Central guidelines in this regard; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to check violation of Central guidelines by State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YARRANNAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Percentage contributions made by the State Govt. under Jawahar Rozagar Yojana (JRY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) during 1995-96 and 1996-97 is as follows:

Programme	Percentage contribution by state Govt. to total allocation	
	1995-96	1996-97
JRY	20.00	20.00
IAY	20.00	20.00
DWCRA	28.85	57.51

(c) and (d) There in no provision in the guidelines of the above programmes for selection of beneficiaries on political considerations. However, as and when cases of violation of Central guidelines are received, the same are immediately referred back to concerned State Govt. to take necessary action.

[Translation]

Postal facilities in Gram Panchayats

3730. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gram panchayats in the country where post and telegraph facilities have not been provided so far;

(b) the number of post and telegraph offices opened during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether any time bound plan has been formulated for providing the above mentioned facilities in each gram panchayat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of gram panchayats in the country, where post offices have not been provided so far is 109331. Postal Counter facilities and facility of delivery of mails are however, provided to all villages through the nearby post offices.

The information regarding number of Gram Panchayats. in the country where telegraph facilities have not been provided so far is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.